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1. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD HELP COUNTER ERRONEOUS PRESS
REPORTING IF THE GOJ WOULD BE WILLING TO ISSUE A PRESS
STATEMENT ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

-- THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM HAVE JOINTLY
APPROACHED THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN ABOUT OUR POSSIBLE
SUPPORT FOR A ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND.

-- OVER THE COMING WEEKS WE WILL BE ENGAGED IN A PROCESS OF
CONSULTATION WITH THESE COUNTRIES ABOUT THE FUND.

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-- THE PURPOSES OF THE ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND ARE TO
PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE FOR:

A. BALANCED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN ZIMBABWE;

B. RAPID EXPANSION OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR AND SKILLS

OF THE BLACK MAJORITY;

C. BASIC ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR ALL SECTIONS OF THE
POPULATION SO THAT THEY MIGHT CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR
SKILLS AND ENTHUSIASM TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY.

-- CONTRARY TO SOME PRESS REPORTS, THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND
IS NOT TO BUY OUT OR COMPENSATE WHITES.
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